

An e-newsletter for the employees of Lindenwood University

## *LU to Offer Group Life Insurance to Employees*

Chief Operating Officer Julie Mueller has negotiated an agreement with Guardian Life Insurance Company of America under which Lindenwood University employees will be offered group life insurance.

Mueller said the insurance will be in increments of \$10,000, up to a maximum of \$100,000. Spouses will also be able to purchase 50 percent of what the employee purchases. Policies on children are 10 percent.

Mueller said a \$100,000 policy for a 45-year-old employee would cost \$26 per

month. The cost would be deducted from employee paychecks each month.

“This is a benefit we feel is important to make available to our employees,” said Mueller.

Mueller said Lindenwood would conduct several informational meetings with employees in January. She said representatives of Guardian Life Insurance would be present to answer questions.

She said she hoped the insurance would be available to employees by February 1 or soon thereafter.

## *New Internet Toolbar Raises Money; Keeps Lindenwood on Screen*

Lindenwood University faculty, staff, alumni and friends have an opportunity to streamline their internet searching, help LU financially and keep up-to-date with what’s going on at LU by downloading a new toolbar.

Acting President James D. Evans has signed an agreement with BenefitBar.com to create a special Lindenwood toolbar. There is no cost to download the toolbar, and no cost to Lindenwood University.

“BenefitBar provides a constant stream of information for our alumni, faculty, staff and friends,” said Evans. “And it allows us to generate revenue too. The toolbar has a Yahoo search engine, and each time a person uses the search, Lindenwood shares in the revenue generated by that search.”

BenefitBar is free of spyware, adware and viruses, and will respect a user’s privacy. Once installed, users will be able to do searches in a very convenient and easy way, as well as get to the Lindenwood website and other links

Lindenwood offers with a simple click.

Computer services will be installing the toolbar on Lindenwood computers over the Christmas holidays. To install it on your computer at home, go to:

<http://www.benefitbar.com/benefitbar/subscribe/toolbar.php?toolbarId=29>.

- 1) You will see optional fields to fill in regarding email address and zip code. Please check box for terms agreement and click on “download now”
- 2) At this point a popup blocker notice may appear. If the popup notice does NOT appear, go to #4. If it does, click on the yellow notice and hit “download file”.
- 3) You may then see a message about page refreshing. Click “retry.”
- 4) Click Run-Run-Install-Finish....
- 5) After you click on ‘Finish’ please close your internet browser and re-open a new browser.
- 6) Click on “View” at top of page then “toolbar.” Then click or check the word “BenefitBar” and the BenefitBar should appear on your screen.

## **Midnight Breakfast Tonight!**

The Midnight Breakfast will take place tonight (Monday) from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Spellmann Center cafeteria. All residential students are invited to participate in this tradition of the faculty and staff serving students. Last year, more than 1000 students attended.

Student activities director Eric Click said more faculty and staff than ever before have registered, but still more are needed

“It’s a good thing for students to see their faculty and staff out there supporting them,” said Click. “Any faculty or staff member that would be interested in participating in this tradition should contact Click at x4983.”

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### *Professor St. Clair Honored with President's Award*

Terry L. St. Clair, assistant professor of criminal justice, has been honored with the 2006 President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. St. Clair received the award Nov. 30 at the Lindenwood University faculty meeting.

St. Clair is manager of LCIE Criminal Justice degree programs. Acting President James D. Evans said St. Clair was a model for "complete service as a professor.

"He not only gets excellent reviews for his teaching, but he gets high praise for his advising of students and he is an excellent recruiter," said Evans.

St. Clair received an AS in Law Enforcement from Drury College,

Springfield, MO, and a BS in Business Management from Tarkio College in Tarkio, MO. He holds a MS in Criminal Justice Administration from Lindenwood University.

St. Clair is a retired Missouri State Highway Patrol sergeant, who has taught a wide variety of courses for in-service police officers. He served for 13 years as the hostage negotiation team leader for the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Special Emergency Response Team at Troop C St. Louis. He was supervisor of the Public Information and Education office at Troop C when he retired.



*Professor St. Clair receives his award from Dr. Evans*

### *LU Honored at YMCA Christmas Banquet*

Acting President James D. Evans accepted the YMCA's 2006 Exemplary Community Partner Award Dec. 5 during the first annual St. Charles County District YMCA Leadership Recognition and Christmas Banquet. The event was held in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room on the Lindenwood University campus.

The award was presented to Lindenwood and Dr. Evans as a result of

the university's Youth of the Year Program, its Campus YMCA and its YMCA Professional Studies Program.

Each of the local YMCAs gave out two awards for their own location—Volunteer of the Year, and Rising Star. Award winners for the Campus Y included Jennifer McMahan (Rising Star) and Sheryl Guffey (Volunteer of the Year).

### *Faculty Members Hosting Shows on LUTV-26*

Several Lindenwood University faculty members are hosting TV shows on LUTV-26. They include: Provost Jann Weitzel, who hosts *Topics in Education*, a show for those who teach;

Professor Joe Cernik, who hosts both *Insight* and *Books and Strikes*, reviewing books about social topics, and discussing books having to do with baseball;

Professor Jim Jump, who hosts

*Business Roundtable*, which focuses on business and entrepreneurial topics;

and Professor Ken Chilton, who hosts of *Focus on Business*, a show provided by the management division of LU which often has noteworthy guests.

Student-produced shows include *LU News Update*, *Student Organization Spotlight (SOS)*, *St. Charles Place*, *Artful*, and *Lions Pride Sports*.

## *Sisters Welcomed to LU*

The Office of Financial Aid recently hired two new staff members: Sarah O'Heron and Rebekah O'Heron, both of whom come to Lindenwood from MOHELA. Sarah had previously worked as a consolidation loan specialist at the agency for 3 years, and Rebekah had worked for the agency as a loan origination specialist for 2 ½ years. Both received their undergraduate degrees from Lindenwood.



## *Troy Exhibit Opens at Foundry Arts Center*

An exhibition of recent work by Professor John Troy opened in the Ameristar Gallery at the Foundry Arts Centre in downtown St. Charles on Nov. 17. The solo exhibition runs through Jan. 5 and is shown in conjunction with a juried watercolor exhibition and another solo exhibition by Jenny Dowd in separate galleries.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4p.m.

Troy's exhibition consists of 12 oil

paintings and monoprints completed from 2004 through 2006. He describes the artwork as representational figures and landscapes in the traditions of Thomas Eakins, Walt Kuhn, William Beckman, and Rackstraw Downes.

A five-year employee of Lindenwood University, Troy holds the position of associate professor of Art and Art Program Manager. He has also served on the Artist Advisory Board of the Foundry Arts Centre for three years.



*"Robert" is one of Troy's works on display.*

## *Professor Chilton Had Busy Summer*

In early June, Professor of Management and Director of the Institute for Study of Economics and the Environment, Ken Chilton attended an energy security retreat at Gold Lake Resort in Colorado.

It was an invitation-only affair with 24 guests, hosted by Reuniting America. The notion was to get a wide variety of experts assembled to see if they could work together on this issue. The group included former Vice President Al Gore, Sierra Club President Carl Pope, and a wide variety of people from advocacy groups -- liberal and conservative. No consensus report was

sought or produced but valuable contacts were made and mutual respect was gained.

Chilton also was a panel speaker at a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington DC on July 24-26. He was acting as an Advisory Board member of the Interfaith Stewardship Alliance, an assemblage of Judeo-Christian leaders who support environmental policies that give proper consideration to the importance of a healthy economy. ISA released a document called, "A Call to Truth, Prudence, and Protection of the Poor."

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## *Montgomery Hired as New Alumni Director*

Lindenwood University has a new alumni director, Katy Montgomery, who is an alumna herself, both at the undergraduate level and the graduate level. Montgomery started her job Dec. 4. A native of Hannibal, Montgomery earned an MBA in December of 2005 with an emphasis on marketing and has worked in retail management since then. Montgomery works in the Alumni House on Kingshighway and can be reached at x4908.



*Katy Montgomery*

## *Provost Outlines Lindenwood's Plagiarism Policy*

*The following item was submitted by Provost Jann Weitzel.*

Lindenwood University has developed the following policy on cheating and/or plagiarizing:

- 1) The name of any student who has been found to have cheated/plagiarized will be turned in to the Office of the Dean of the respective division. The plagiarized paper or proof of cheating, along with supporting documents, will be placed in a file and kept in the Dean's office.
- 2) The faculty member should contact Dr. Weitzel to determine whether the student is a repeat offender. The effect on the student's

grade for a first offense will be determined by the professor. A second offense should result in failing the class. The professor should complete an Academic Dishonesty form and submit to Dr. Weitzel. Upon receipt of this form, the name of the student will be placed on dishonesty list.

- 3) The classroom professor will notify the student directly that Steps 1-2 have occurred. In the event that the student cheats/plagiarizes a second time, the student will then meet with the Provost and be placed on academic probation.

- 4) If the student chooses to cheat/plagiarize a third time, the student may be expelled from the university.

## *Reminder for Faculty*

All professors who oversaw Honors projects still need to send the names of the students with course and section number to Mike Whaley. He compiles the information and forwards it to the registrar's office so it can be appropriately entered on transcripts.